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Central Management Unit  
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Belfast Chambers  
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Dear Sirs,

The Partisan Defence Committee joins many individuals and organisations in protesting the 31 August arrest of Trevor Birney and Barry McCaffrey, journalists who worked on the documentary film *No stone unturned*. The film exposes the state's collusion with the UVF killers who massacred six Catholics in the Heights Bar in Loughinisland, Northern Ireland, in June 1994. The pretext for the arrest of the two journalists, and the seizure of their computers and files, is the alleged theft of documents from the Police Ombudsman's office. But in reality this is a blatant act of intimidation which aims to deter those who, in the words of Clare Rogan, whose husband was killed in the massacre, "seek to shine the light on the dark levels of collusion at the heart of the British state".

It is an outrage that these two journalists were arrested and questioned for 14 hours before being released. We demand their computers and documents be returned immediately. *Hands off Birney and McCaffrey!*

Yours sincerely,



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